

2026-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR VISION

Albertans understand and receive client-driven, ethical and competent occupational therapy services.

OUR VALUES

Fair
Transparent
Collaborative
Nimble

OUR MISSION

As a collaborative leader in professional regulation, the Alberta College of Occupational Therapists serves the public by administering effective, efficient, transparent and fair processes for registration, continuing competence and complaints/discipline.

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OUR PUBLIC

Increase awareness of the College and its role, and the scope of the profession.

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Complaints process (public)

Protect the public from unsafe practice. Ensure the complaints process is transparent and accessible.

Accessibility for clients

Increase the accessibility of regulatory services and the availability of information on the College's website.



Our public

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OUR REGISTRANTS

Continuing Competence Program

Ensure that Continuing Competence education remains relevant to practice and is accessed by registrants.

Clarify role and responsibilities of the College

Educate present and future registrants on the College's role (and its distinction from Associations).

Interjurisdictional practice

Support the Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulatory Organizations in setting interjurisdictional standards.



Our
registrants

STRATEGIES

INNOVATION IN PRACTICE

Diagnosis education

Develop and disseminate diagnosis education in collaboration with the University of Alberta.

Diagnosis outcomes

Measure provider reports of health outcomes arising from diagnosis.

Artificial Intelligence

Prepare for implications of Artificial Intelligence and the changing interface with the public.



Innovation
in practice

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GOVERNANCE

Community and belonging

Work for a profession where registrants and clients feel comfortable and safe. Reduce sociocultural barriers to accessing occupational therapy services.

Leadership as self-regulators

Be a model for self regulation, with an active, engaged, and up-to-date Council.



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NAVIGATING CHANGE

Create strong relationships

Through open communication with peer organizations and government, strengthen the awareness of occupational therapists' contributions to a healthy public.

Maintain relationships with key partners

Build understanding and awareness of the profession among large employers of occupational therapists and large private practices.

Create positioning and messaging guides

Develop short guides to serve as internal references for staff training, media inquiry and conversations with government.



Navigating
change

OVERALL MEASURES



Public is receiving competent and ethical OT services



Public is reporting gaps in competent practice to ACOT



Registrants are diagnosing clients & clients experience positive health outcomes from diagnosis



Retain engaged and informed self-regulation



Key partners in client care consult and are consulted by ACOT regarding changes to practice and regulation